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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed

in patent number 6,422,288, granted 23 July 2002, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention

VENETIAN BLIND WITH VARIABLE TILTING

the specification of which

is attached hereto.

was filed on 21 July 2003 as reissue application number 10/624,938
and was amended _____.

(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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Applicant failed to cover aspects of its "variable tilting" which were specifically disclosed but never specifically claimed. The original claims, as well as new claims 24-34 have a variable tilting feature that operates in generally the same way. However, the "engaging means" of claims 24-34 do not reference guiding loops on the ladder cord as found in claims 1-23. Rather, the guiding function of the loops on the ladder cord is incorporated in the engaging collar of new claims 24-34.

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